SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASBESTOS LITIGATION

MARY HUGO,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

BORG WARNER MORSE TEC, et al

Defendant(s).

Docket No: L-2077-15 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IV

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *March 1, 2016*:

| FIRM                | ATTORNEY            | CLIENT                            |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Levy Konigsberg     | Amber Long          | Plaintiff(s)                      |
| Caruso Smith Picini | Richard Picini      | Union Carbide                     |
| Gibbons PC          | Mark R. Galdieri    | Honeywell International Inc.      |
| Herzfeld & Rubin    | David Goldman       | Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. |
| Kaufman Borgeest    | Bassel Bakhos       | Morton International              |
| Landman Corsi       | Jorkeell Echeverria | Federal Mogul                     |
| O'Toole Fernandez   | Gary Van Lieu       | Dana                              |
| Pascarella DiVita   | Madelyn Iulo        | Ingersoll Rand; Crane             |
| Sedgwick LLP        | David Blow          | Borg Warner; ExxonMobil Corp.     |
| Wilbraham Lawler    | Tristin Fabro       | Kelsey-Hayes Co.                  |

IT IS on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2016, effective from the conference date;

#### ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to *R*.1:5-2.

# **DISCOVERY**

July 1, 2016 Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's counsel

shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact discovery is not

completed.

August 15, 2016 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

# **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

August 22, 2016 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

September 16, 2016 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this

date.

September 30, 2016 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

October 28, 2016 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### MEDICAL DEFENSE

July 15, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

December 2, 2016 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical reports, if any, by this date.

In addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record)

of a joinder in an expert medical defense by this date.

# **LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS**

September 16, 2016 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports or a certified

expert statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

December 2, 2016 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if any, by

this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

# **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

January 13, 2017 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and

defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce documents that are readily accessible in the public

domain.

# PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL

July 7, 2016 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

January 11, 2017 @ 1:30pm Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority to

negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone. Any request to be excused from the settlement conference shall be made to the Special Master no later than 4:00pm of the day prior to the

conference.

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Plaintiff's counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.

/s/ Ana C. Viscomi
ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort

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